(*a*) the number and name of motor service existing in the Changanachery-Mundakayam line :

(*b*) how long since the service was opened ;

(*c*) whether other persons have applied for permission to conduct service in that line :

(*d*) whether permission has been accorded ; and

(*e*) if the answer to part (*d*) be in the negative, the reason for it ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR : (*a*) The name of the motor service is not known. The G. permits for 3 buses forming the service stand in the name of Mr. P. K. Mohideen, Changanachery.

(*b*) Nine years approximately.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) & (*e*) These do not arise in view of the answer to part (*c*).

Agricultural loan to the holders of the Pachima Devaswom lands.

247 * **MR. P. J. SEBASTIAN** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the holders of the Pachima Devaswom lands have applied for agricultural loans in the Changanachery Taluk Office ;

(*b*) if so, how many ;

(*c*) whether any of such applications has been granted ; and

(*d*) if not granted, the reasons for the same ?

MR. K. GEORGE : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) One.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) The applicant had only *Kuthagapattom* rights over the properties proposed to be improved.

Manufacture of salt in the State.

248 * **MR. K. T. THOMAS** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the salt manufactured in the State is sufficient for local need ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that local salt is inferior in quality to Bombay salt ;

(*c*) if so, whether and what steps have been taken to improve the quality of the local salt;

(*d*) whether the two varieties have been subjected to chemical analysis ;

(*e*) if so, the result of such analysis ; and

(*f*) whether there is not scope for increasing the production of salt in the State ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Bombay salt contains a slightly higher percentage of sodium chloride than the salt manufactured in some of the local factories.

(*c*) The licensees concerned and the factory officers have been instructed to take the necessary steps to improve the quality of salt.

(*d*) Yes.

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